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The Plain Dealing

LINNEN-DRAPER.

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How to Buy all sorts of Linnen and Indian Goods: Wherein is perfect and plain Instructions, for all sorts of Persons, that they may not be deceived in any sort of Linnen they want. Useful for Linnen Drapers, and their Country Chapmen, for Seamstresses, and in general for all persons whatsoever. Whereunto is added, The Art of Cutting out Shifts, so that you may save a quarter of an Ell, in Cutting out one Shift, and yet Cut it as long and large, as others will out of a quarter more. A Work never before Attempted.

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To Her Royal Highness the Princess
Trade
Ann of Denmark.

By J. F.

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at the Golden Ring in Little Britain. 1695.

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TO HER
Royal Highness

THE
Princess *Ann* of Denmark.
Humbly Dedicated.

MAY it please your Highness, that the Loud Acclamations, and Applause of your unlimited goodness, and boundless Charity to all those that themselves to your Bounty, have never yet known to return empty handed, which hath incited this present boldness in me, humbly to present this small Epistle to your Royal Highness, and made me presume with all humility to crave a Pardon for this small Epistle: Neither had I taken any Presumption on me, had I not been very well informed of two things, the first is, That amongst them any Books that have been Writ on most Subjects, there hath not yet in any Age been any worth on this; the next is, That I am well assured it will prove as general an assistance and good for all Worldly Affairs, as any yet written, both to the Rich and Poor, by reason the Rich and Wealthy do buy great quantities of Linnen, and so consequently, when they are deceived with bad Linnen, they are deceived of great Sums; and the Poor ha-

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ving but little Moneys to lay out, and that little
haps, hath been saved out of their Families B
to procure a little clean Linnen to put on their B
and if they are deceived of that, can by no
get more to supply themselves withal; but if
take the advice of this little Book, they will n
of their expectation, in having that which is
let it be of any sort of Linnen, or Indian
whatsoever they shall have occasion for: And
these reasons I shall presume to place it among
of your Acts of Charity, it being hoped to
Act of Charity to those Poor People that selde
Linnen, and being unskillful in Linnen, are
fore often deceived to their great sorrow; Th
ing the first Book I ever wrote in my Life, and
fore humbly crave your Royal Patronage and
ritable Construction, on what your Wise
Knowing Judgment shall think amiss, is the H
Request of

Your Royal Highnesses most Humble
Obedient Servant,

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AN EPISTLE TO THE COURTEOUS READER.

Five reasons I have been prevailed with to Write this little Book; the First Reason is, That those that only deal with us, having found by Experience that we sell Linnen on my Judgment, more never Cheated and; and therefore have been very importunate with me I left off, to have me put forth some Directions, that may have understanding to buy good, and not be deceived. The Second is, The great difficulty it is for a Man to know good Linnen from bad, by reason many good Linnen are very good to appearance, and yet wear out, and other sorts again appear very thin and ill, and are the best of Cloth. The Third is, To prevent a Man from buying damaged Cloth, which most People buy, and which well to the Eye, but when it comes into the Wash, it falls into pieces, and are in as much want the week afterwards as if they had not bought any. The Fourth is, To prevent all People from buying one thing for another, when they ask for one sort, they are shewn another, which is not the same sort, and wears very ill. and that is for want of knowing the sorts of Cloth, which several sorts I shall instruct you with such Instructions how to know them, that the poorest Capacity shall know all, or most sorts of Cloth, and they shall have occasion to use or enquire for. The

To the Reader.

Fifth and Last Reason, which hath perswaded me in
you know, that few or none of those Cloths that are
about and sold by the Pedlars, are the true and
Cloth for wear, but are a sort of fine Cloth to the
but wears not above half the time of true Cloth
few or no people can discern, till they have worn
and by that time they have forgotten who sold it to
it may be, when they have sold it you, will not ask
you in some time, but send their Partners, by whom
know they have sold you a bad Cloth for a good; I shall
fore make it my endeavour in this little Book, to let
you such Instructions, for every sort of Cloths
Goods, that you may not be deceived by the mean
Dealer; if you shall please to take the Advice of this
Book; laying out the Price of one Book shall be
buying of six Ells of Linnen; and in order to your
understanding thereof, I shall proceed Alphabetically
if it answers my design to your content, I shall in
time enlarge on the same subject, and shall esteem
happy, in being the instrument of your good,

Your



T H E
Plain-Dealing
ANNEN-DRAPER.

A.

Because I design to go on Alphabetically in this Book, and the Cloth that deserves the prehemineny in this, both for general and common use and strength, there is no that is at present in use, that exceeds Alcomore-holland, it being made of the best Flax in the, and the Thrid being Spun by the most careful curious hands; and it is Wove by the best of ers; and therefore if you are resolved not to good Holland for Shirts and Shifts, you must sort of Holland; now to let you know how to chuse the right, you must ask for Alcomore- that is made by one *Stanlack* in *Holland*, who makes the true Cloth, the pieces contain about nine, or thirty four Ells at the most; it hath in the Selvidges, not commonly sewed on, ed into holes loose in the Cloth: The present Prizes are from two Shillings and four Pence, three Shillings, which is generally the highest of the sort: it is about one yard and half a er broad. There is also another sort of Alcomore-holland, of the same man's make, which is

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above

above three quarters of a yard wide, and hat
sewed on to both selvidges, the right of both
marked with this  mark on the end at the
of the breadth.  So much for Alcomore.

B.

I shall begin with Bore-laps, because
Shirts or Shirts is counted and known to be
strong Cloth, though not so certainly strong
former, yet if they are thick and even they
wear well, but if thin and uneven, they wear
there is three sorts, one Ell wide, the other
wide, and another three quarters wide, the
made up much like an Alcomore-holland,
crested or double in the middle, and have
sewed on: The ill-convenience that attends
of Cloth is, that it seldom wears white, the
third sort of Holland, which not only wears
as Alcomore-holland, but washeth whiter
cloth, but that being Ell-wide is only used for
it is called Bridges-holland.

The next being Musling called Bettilies,
of general use for Cravats, or Heads for Woe
use for several things, it being a more agreeable
wear than any other light Cloths, and is the
best of all Mullings that comes into England
ordinary sort, for there is none of them ever yet
extreme fine: There is two sorts of those Bettilies,
the short sort as it is generally called, contain
ty yards, the long sort contains about twenty
yards; they are near ell-wide, and are the
best of all Mullings for washing, there is besides
Bettilies, Colconda, and Oringal Bettilies
your Cumum Bettilies, and several others;
I shall only treat of these, and of these I shall

the instructions in their order as they are set
because these are the present useful ones for
rice, the Bettilies Colours are generally ve-
but thin, they are useful only for Womens
by reason they wear very slight and ill;
about yard wide or a little more, they con-
at sixteen yards in a piece: and are no ways
mans use, by reason they are apt to be fray'd,
they be starched by those that make it their
on only to starch, they are usually fray'd in
ce as they come over, therefore you must
your inspection great care, lest the piece be
id when you buy them, for if they be, you
bring it to right in the washing; but
rched, if preserved from fraying, they look
ate and clear. The second is the Oringal
this is of a different nature, they being
two yards long, and are the properest sort
of Mens Cravats, and for Cravats for or-
Tradesmen they are extream good, by rea-
they are not only strong but thick; they are
ard $\frac{1}{2}$ wide, and are usually the cheapest of
those Bettilies I have named, and are fit for
that Muslings are used for, the third and
Bettilies that I shall speak of in this Book, is
Bettilies Common, which is above fourteen yards
te, and yard half quarter wide, it is usually
the first Bettily, and very thin, but yet
very well, very little worse than the first Bet-
I have mentioned, it being very clear and
it is very useful for many things, especially
use of Women. The next Cloth that comes
the Letter B, is a Cloth called Barras, they
generally twenty eight Ells, it is about Ell
it is a very useful Cloth for packing of Goods
Country, and when well whited is good for

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ordinary

ordinary Sheets for Poor People and Servants of good breadth, and although very thin, strong, but especially if it be thick; there is a sort of Stuff called Boulter, it is not half yard made of a sort of Woollen, which is very thin for straining and such like uses; it being of no importance, I shall not treat farther on it, you know that they are usually, and ought to be twenty four yards long, and is bought for four or six Shillings when dear, by the Piece, and at Retail for 6 d per yard. As for Callicoes, for they are of general use with us, I shall mention some of them; the First is Bafts, of which there are two sorts, broad and narrow, they both hold sixteen yards in length, the one being above yard and other three quarters wide, they are the strongest any ordinary Callicoe, and wear very well, and much worn in Shirts and Shifts, the greatest convenience that attends them, they are inclined to wash yellow without very good washing; another sort is called Birompots, which is of the same nature and length, which is used for the same use, and for Linings of Britches, and is strong. I could name many more, but for to name all sorts, it would swell the Book beyond designed limits, therefore shall content myself with what only is useful; there is one sort of Callicoe called Birom Banies, which is much used for Curtains. This Birom Banies is a Callico striped with black and white Cotton, wove one by the other, with two or three stripes of brown, and one broad stripe. This Callico is above yard wide, it holds sixteen yards each Piece, it is naturally a rotten sort of ware, for that reason is fit only to hang up for Curtains either for Beds or Windows; it usually was sold for seven, eight, or nine Shillings a Piece, but

Indian Goods grow dearer; it oftentimes is
 and flits, therefore you must take great
 care you buy any of it.

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begin with Cambricks, it being a Cloth ve-
 ry common in our Nation, for these following uses,
 for Churchchiefs, for Head Linnen, for Bishops
 there is a great deal of difficulty to know
 Cambrick from Kentings, by reason there
 are of the same breadth, and are of the
 fineness as the Cambricks are; the Kentings
 never so white at first, will in time wash yel-
 low for Cambricks, they will wash white to the
 last wear; the Cambricks are sold either
 by the dozen, or thirty in a Parcel, the Kentings
 by Rounds, as four or five in a Round, as
 sold by Retail, the Kentings are always sold
 cheaper than Cambricks of the same fineness. Cro-
 ssed sort of very coarse Linnen, it is of the use
 of, it is the general sort of brown Lin-
 nen which is used for Packing for Exportation,
 and Goods, it being whited, it wears very
 inferior to a right Canvas, farther, it being
 it is useful for abundance of other uses, as
 for Linen Cloths. Canvas, there are several
 sorts coming all from *France*, at this time they
 are prohibited from coming into this Nation, and
 for reason I shall in this Book pass by the directi-
 on which otherwise should have been given in this,
 to have a sort of Cloth made here in *England*
 of Canvas, which name ought properly to be gi-
 ven none but French: but this sort of English
 Canvas which I am going to treat of, is a sort that
 is made here, and dyed in thred yellow, if you can

get the colour that fits you, and fine enough
 purpose, it is better for Stays than French
 will not stretch, nor let Stays out of shape. The
 of this Letter is Indian things, and the first
 name is Cossies Musling, it being a sort of
 which is of several breadths, as some almost
 half wide, others of above yard wide, others
 little more than three quarters wide, the
 breadths being usually very fine and thick,
 fit for a great many uses, which I shall omit
 the Buyer putting it to such uses as they think
 proper, excepting Cravats, for which it is too
 and will wear yellow, and look ill about the
 but withal it wears very strong; the narrow
 Cossies is thin and very coarse, only pro-
 coarse Necks of Cravats, or to lye betwixt
 Checkert Linnen is a thing of great use in
 tion, for Bed-quilts, and for Sea-shirts, it be-
 wide, it is sold for thirty Shillings, or thirty
 Shillings a Piece, there is about thirty six yds
 Piece, it being thin, yet wears well, it is used
 for 12 d per yard. Couzeys is a sort of fine
 Callico about yard wide, it is a strong Calli-
 double threaded one way, it is but seven yds
 half long, in the Piece, is something yellow
 Izarees, and cannot be known from right
 only the length of the Izarees is eight yds
 the Izarees is double threaded both ways,
 two sorts of Indian Silk called Culgees, the
 Satten, the other is Taffety, they are stained
 sorts of Colours; they wear as well as any S
 comes from the Indies, they are much used for
 kerchiefs, and for Lining of Beds, and for
 for both Men and Women: they are two or
 three quarters wide, and yard half quarter
 they are as at this time all Goods is, not on

certain Prizes. Chints being of so general
 this City, that I cannot omit speaking of
 there being several sorts, but I shall speak of
 few; the first is a sort of very fine Chints,
 are Painted with very fine Colours all of In-
 dures, either of Birds, Beasts, or Imagery,
 washed never so often, still retain their co-
 lours they are worth to pieces. There are four
 serunge which are something coarser, yet
 very pretty Flowers, they are about three
 of a yard wide, about twelve yards in a
 The Colours of these coarser as well as
 the former, they are usually sold for Gowns, Petticoats
 and to make Gowns for Beds, which Quilts
 and the like use. There is a third sort
 all the sorts of pattern I shall name, this sort
 former is of great use for making ordinary
 which is the greatest use they are sold for,
 about seven yards long, and were for-
 merly sold for three Shillings and six Pence, but
 now Five, and Five and Six Pence. Another
 sort of Stuff, it is chequer'd
 of colours, as Red, Yellow, Blue and
 is a sort of Stuff wears very well in any
 I shall think fit to use it for, as Lining of
 Window Curtains or Morning Gowns, or Lin-
 ing Coats, it is about ten yards in a Piece,
 one yard wide: It has been sold some time
 thirteen and fourteen Shillings a Piece, but
 now about twenty or three and twenty Shillings
 some of this kind holds about sixteen yards
 long, and are the same both as to the breadth
 as the former.

CHAPTER D.

I shall begin with Dowlas, for the general use of for ordinary Shifts and Shirts for Tradesmen, and should have begun with Dowlas from France, for reason it is usually the strongest sort, but the use is prohibited and forbidden, as Canvas is, it is unnecessary to fill up the Book with unprofitable course, therefore shall proceed with Dowlas of *Hamborough*. This sort of *Hamborough* Dowlas comes in several breadths, as three quarters, three quarters and one sixteenth, three quarters and half, and made much like the French, and some in pattern is so like, that were it not for the length, Drapers could not know it from the right French, the difference is thus, the French holds one hundred and four Ells in each piece, and fifty in half piece: the *Hamborough* holds fifty four in whole piece, and twenty seven ells in a half piece, this last wears well, but with these faults they never fail of, it wears with prickles or ridges, and never wears perfectly white as the French, there is this difference in the folding up of the French from the *Hamborough*, the French Dowlas has the Selvidges turned in, and after that folded in, and folds flat, but the *Hamborough* is rowled up, and either tacked with Thread, or tyed about with Tape. Dimetty being of several sorts, and much use in our Nation, and being of our English manufacture, I shall therefore discourse on every particular, and shall begin with the strongest, which is called Pillow Fustian, it is of great use for Feathers in for Pillows, and is exceeding fit for Waist-Coats, and for Lining of Breeches, but will not use them for either, because they the

thick, it being double move; it is about twenty
 long, and almost half an ell wide; the coarser
 are, they are the narrower and the shorter. The
 sort of Dimety is the common sort of plain,
 is usually the same length as the former, but
 are single Woven, and are but half as thick
 as the former; the finest sort is commonly the
 soft and longest; there is two sorts of those,
 as a Nap on, and the other sort which is
 the finest without a Nap, and is used only for
 Bed on, they are the former length and
 broad, some of the Pillow Puffs are stown,
 are always dyed fast colour for mens Procks,
 there are some of the single dyed, these are
 for foot Hockings with, and to line Breeches;
 another sort of flower'd white, which is used
 for Waist-Coats for Men, and Petticoats for Wo-
 men, they are made broader than the plain, and if
 men or women work in the working, will wear very well,
 it is twenty yards long, and are of several Fi-
 gures, if you would discern the Cuts that is in them,
 must look on the wrong side, which you will
 sew up again, if there be not many Cuts it is
 fine, for they cannot cut the Cotton which is on
 the right side, without cutting some holes through,
 most of those flower'd are the strongest. There
 is one sort more of flower'd Dimety that is
 but thinner and is dayer. I shall now begin
 the striped, which hath been, and now is in use
 for Waist-Coats, and Petty-Coats, for Men and Wo-
 men. There is of several Stripes, which are gene-
 rally called by these names, the Common-stripe,
 Blackthread-stripe, and the Vienna-stripe; the
 Common-stripe, the finer is, the more Bars it
 hath, the coarse sort hath not above thirteen or four-
 teens, the finest hath about thirty bars, which

fort is very fine, and wears much better, both
 low and wear than the coarse; the Pack
 stripe is the sort which is most in fashion, and
 ways the dearest; and not undeservedly, for
 really the strongest of all sorts; both of Flower
 Striped, but is the narrowest of either sort.
 Vienna stripe is a sort that hath some distan
 twist the Stripes, but not so much as the Co
 stripe hath, but is always made much thinner
 any of the former, and I do believe wears
 worse than any of the former, even worse than
 flowered which I formerly mentioned. There
 sort more which is called Strip'd Dimetty, it
 Cotten flowered with several sort of coloured
 stripes, but is not properly a Dimetty. The
 that comes under the Letter D. is Diaper, of
 there is several sorts, and at present I shall on
 course of those sorts which are most useful, th
 is the Diaper which comes from Holland, of
 there are two sorts of work, called Rose and
 the Rose is a small little round work, the Pa
 little square figure, but both are of equal bre
 and very good colours; they are of several fi
 which is known usually by the numbers, whic
 the Hundred, for example, the lowest numbe
 some is called sixteen hundred, the higher
 some is called forty hundred. The way of
 it is, if you agree for the Napkenning, the
 is three times the breadth, and three times the
 it is a sort of Diaper, that not only wears we
 wears extream white. There is another
 Diaper called Sleasy Diaper, which comes from
 Lowagb, of which there is several sorts, which
 describe to you in order. And first shall begi
 Diaper Table cloths, which are Wove into
 and length for Spanish Tables, but of those I ca

commendation, because they wear very ill, but
 their breadth being one yard, three quar-
 ters, and the same breadth is sold the cheapest
 for Tabling, they being sold from the Drapers for
 three Shillings and four Pence, or three Shillings
 and Pence each Table-cloth, as for the sorts of
 there is a sort that may be bought for se-
 ven Shillings a Piece, it being twelve yards in length,
 and may be hold half a yard short; there is a ge. at
 this sort sold for Clouts, by reason they are
 very thin and soft, the next is a sort of the
 same, but they are finer, broader and longer,
 only for Napkins, for a Piece makes a dozen
 napkins, and wear much stronger than the other
 is only discoursed of. The next is a sort of Sleacie-
 which is the finest sort of all that comes
 from *Amberburgh*, that is as fine as fine *Holland*.
 they are in suits, as I should have told you,
 the former are, for two pieces of Napkins is as
 much a Piece of Tabling, the Piece of Tabling
 is eight yards, and something more, it holding
 a quarter over, sometimes half a yard: But
 of all is twelve yards in a Piece of Tabling,
 every Piece of this Tabling, there is two
 of this Napkins to compleat a suite, it being ve-
 ry strong and wears very genteel and well, and very
 the whole suite is generally sold at the best
 for three Pound ten, or three Pounds twelve
 shillings per suite, which is not above three Shillings
 for a yard Tabling, and fourteen Pence the
 Piece, but is as fine as the *Holland-Diaper* of two
 and six Shillings, as is of the same figure,
 People can know it from the right *Holland*-
 when washed. There is one sort more of this
 that is of the same figure, of the *French-Dia-*
 is so like, that few people can hardly know
 it

it from the right, unless it were compared
 The next is a sort of Diaper made in Eng-
 very strong, called *Huckaback*. There is
 lengths in each Piece, both Tabling and
 there is of the *Napkins* from *France* *Penae*
 lings the yard, the widest for the Tabling
 exceeding two yards wide, and the narrow
 and half. There is other sorts of Diaper
 from *Holland* and *Hamborough*, being wro
 very pretty figures, and is proper only
 Coats, Waist-Coats or Breeches for Men, th
 being white Thread, and the Flower is brow
 that which comes from *Holland* is broader,
 stronger than the other, and is much deare
Hamborough is not worth above 18 d. at
 the *Holland* is sold for 2 s. it is extraordin
 for Beds or Hangings for Rooms: The
 Tablings of this. There is Diapers count
land to *England* which are of various fig
 wears as well as any Diaper whatever, and
 than *Sleacie*, but not so dear as the *Ho*
 Works are much like the *Sleacie*, but th
 much thicker and stronger; there is som
 fine, and of the same Work of the *Hollan*
 both fine and coarse, in two or three
 washes as white as *Holland* Diaper, if wa
 There is another sort comes from *Scotland*
 not easily known from *Irish* Diaper, but
 difference, it wears like damaged Cloth
 mer, for in a few washes it wears to pieces
 always over-whited, and never wears we
 you buy it brown or half whited, and if
 brown, it never wears white till it is
 There is other sorts of Diaper comes from
Indies, and is called *Callico*-Diaper, it is ca
 reason it is made of Cotton, as the *Callicoes*

into little figures, there is several breedths
 the narrow sort is about three quarters,
 the widest sort is yard and half wide, it is ex-
 ceedingly fine, and wears very well for several uses,
 the most decent wear that any Man or Wo-
 man can wear for a Coat or Petty-Coat. There
 is also a breedth of Damask, which is for breadth and
 exactly the same, but is wove with a Wale
 in the Damask, and is likewise made of Cot-
 ton for whiteness and use is full as good as the
 kind of the two is most worn.

Now come to speak of Damask, it commen-
 ces the Letter D. It is a very fine sort of fine
 and is wrought into several sorts of fine
 and Figures, of Stories taken out of Scrip-
 ture for several uses except for Table-Linnen,
 Table-Cloths and Napkins; that for Table-
 Cloths broader than any sort of Linnen for that
 the Napkins is always made one third of
 silk, and as I have given you advice in the
 so you may observe, the Table-Cloth
 is three times the price,
 and white that looking had nothing bet-
 ter than his Table; but of these there is two sorts,
 and Sleaf-Damask, as for the Holland-Da-
 mask have in this side described, but for the
 it is not so fine nor of such curious works as
 the other, it being usually wrought all in Flowers,
 with this farther difference, that it will not wear
 after washed, as the Holland-Damask doth,
 is the Tabling or Napkin so broad as the
 but it is always bought much cheaper. There
 is sort more of Damask that comes from the In-
 dies of Silk, which commonly is used for fine
 and makes very rich Gowns for Ladies, and
 Petty-Coats, it is a Rich, strong Silk, and
 wears

wears very well; for an Indian Silk, it is with variety of colours, which is very fine about half yard and half wide, and contains fifteen yards in each piece.

The next is a sort of Cambray, it being a of little use, and therefore I shall be very in my Discourse of those Cambrays; there are known by these two names, large Den and small, the large are about yard wide, the small three quarters wide, the large is six yards long, the small are about twelve yards: sort of Calico that is very yellow, and wears well of any Calico that is present in use, most use it is for, is dying, it will take a very dye for any colour, and is proper for Lining of things, which otherwise is fit for nothing. There is another sort of Calico which is coarse something whiter than the former, yet not so but is much stronger than the Cambrays, it is for Stuffs for ordinary people, and for Lining many things, and many pieces are dyed and with coloured Flowers. I shall come now to of some kind of stuffs which begin with D. it called Doreen, it being a stuff that is a yard quarter broad, and the broadest sorts of fine stuff, and usually the coarsest and cheapest, it wears but indifferently well, but is white.

The next sort of Cambray is Elatchis it is an Indian Silk stuff with variety of colours

with very modest colours, it is usually for
 and contains just the quantity for a Womans
 and wears very well.

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all begin with Flaxens, of which there is seve-
 but for brevities sake, I shall speak only of
 that are the most useful at present, and shall be-
 with *English Flaxen*, because it is made in our
 Country, of which there is several bredths,
 broadest of it being yard and half wide, too
 for two bredths in a Sheet, and two narrow
 bredths in a Sheet, therefore is only proper
 for Cloths, it is wonderfully strong, and al-
 though it is not extreme white at first, yet in a few
 washings becomes as white as any sort of Holland
 cloth not exceed two shillings six pence the
 sort comes out of *Leicester*, as both the
 other sorts I am going to treat of. The next
 wide, which is the breadth for Shifts, for a me-
 dium body, but for a lady Womans it is too nar-
 row, it is wide enough for any Man, and wears as
 well as the former, it is not so fine or the price as
 other Linens are, but what it wants in the
 fineness is compensated in the strength: If it be
 not white before you buy it, you may be assu-
 red it will in a few washings be very white. The
 third bredth is the only proper bredth for both Men
 and Women for Shifts, it being full three quarters
 of a yard and is full as serviceable as the former, and is
 sold for whiteness, there is much a greater
 quantity sold of this than of the former, by reason
 the third bredth fits both Men and Women for Shifts, bet-
 ter than the former. The fourth and narrowest bredth
 I am going to treat of, is but half ell wide,

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and

and is proper only for Children, by reason of breadth. I shall not give you any other description of this, only say, that it is in wear every way better than the former sorts of Flaxen that I have wrote of, I say this more, that if you can contrive the best way to be convenient for Sheets, it is the strongest Linnen now in being for that use or purpose. There is other Flaxens of several breadths which come from *Ireland*, and of several sorts, but I shall begin with the most useful of them, and shall begin with the broadest, which I have seen three yards wide, very fine, and very strong, but this although it is useful both for Sheets and Table Cloths, yet it is not commonly made use of. There is another sort of Linnen where the former is made, within, or about the city of *Dublin*, which is made of the same Flax as the former, and is as strong in wear as our Flaxen, but the *Alcomore-holland*, and wears as white longer than either, there is some of the same sort three quarters wide, and yard wide, all made of the same nature and strength. There is other Linnen beside those made in the North of *Ireland*, some four yards wide, some three quarters, and some half ell, all are of great use for Shirts and Shifts, and wear very white and strong, but not so strong as the former made in and about *Dublin*, and are very useful for other uses. *Fry Burgures* are a sort of Sleanen which comes from *Germany* or *Hamborough*, about yard wide, it is an ordinary Cloth, and wears very ill, but is white for some time, it hath been worn very much for several uses in this Country, and particularly for Aprons, till the experience of the wear, but since they have found other Cloaths much more commodious for the same use, this sort holds forty ells the whole Piece, twenty ells the half Piece. I shall now

land, which is the strongest and best colour
 of that fineness, it being a Holland
 usually half a quarter wider than the other
 which are commonly called Frize, but are not
 of this sort is usually known by the breadth and
 fineness, for if it be right Frize, it is not so
 good to the Eye, nor wrought quite so thick
 as the others, nor to any ones liking half so
 good by reason there appears oftentimes thin
 in it, and that is because it is not Callendred,
 as other Cloths that I shall speak of
 are, but is just as it comes from the Whittier,
 any of the least decent; to know this Cloth
 again, it is usually above twenty nine, or be-
 tween that and thirty four Ells long at the most, it
 is usually made up long folded, and hath always
 strings on at both ends. I have at large
 said on this, by reason those that have had the
 will if they can get it, be unwilling to wear
 this sort of Cloth is but scarce to be had, by
 reason it is not near so fine of the price, by reason
 of its breadth and strength, and therefore few Dra-
 peries will buy it, lest they should not sell it to any
 else, or at least may lose them some confi-
 dence before it is sold, whereas other Cloths being
 in the sight, sell quickly to advantage.

G.

There being a great many sorts of Cloth comes
 under this Character, but as I have said before, I
 for brevities sake, treat only of the most use-
 ful in this Nation, and if what I shall treat of
 shall be found acceptable, I shall enlarge hereafter
 as I shall now omit, and pass by of each Let-
 Gulix being the finest sort I shall discourse of

on this Letter, and of as great and general
 all Persons of Quality, and Gentry of any Q
 I shall therefore begin with that, it being the
 proper of any for fine Shirts or Sheets, and to
 most, explain it to all capacities, it is a Clo
 Yard wide if fairly measured, but by deceit
 in Measuring the breadth of Linnen Measur
 three quarters of an Ell for a Yard, and
 means makes it appear to be Yard and Nail
 but as I said before, is but just Yard wide, th
 of fine Cloth, the strongest except true Fri
 any fine Cloth, they are if well made, very eve
 very thick, and of all Cloth the whitest excep
 Holland, but is not so fine of the price as a Br
 much stronger; there is of this sort of Holl
 most prices, from two shillings and six pence,
 ten shillings the Ell, it contains in the Piece
 twenty nine Ells to thirty one or thereabouts,
 you as near as I can, an account of the length
 prevent your buying a sort of Holland w
 small thred, which if well made are scarcely
 known from Gulix, but of the breadth and length
 Small Thred being not quite so broad if fairly
 pared and measured, but in length betw
 vnteen and nine, and is of no serv
 I shall observe to you in the Letter S. you m
 you desire to see the length of either sort,
 Ticker tyed on to the side of the Cloth whe
 white strings are cut off; the Holland called
 is not so fine by much of the price as a Small
 is, but wears full as long again as doth a
 Thred; there is another sort of Gulix, which
 cut into half Pieces, and is done up in blew P
 eing folded double, and in my observations,
 count this to wear the best of the two sorts
 sort being cut in the middle, is generally half

cause our Climate is not hot enough to whiten
 thick a Cloth as it usually is for being so thin
 it often frets, and wears ill, being therefore
 thick, that it frets in the same manner. Now
 these Glazes, this has been said, and to be
 by, but our way of whitening is to strike him
 the Ground, on the Grass. They in Holland use
 a whitening Sand. This being the last for
 broad Gentles, but I shall treat of it presently
 come, next to the Yard wide, and give you
 a Lesson, and demonstrate me the reach for
 one place, which is as follows, and the way
 there is as of the full side, three several
 whitening, the first and best whitening, both for
 and whitening, is the flower of whitening, which
 esteem to be both whiter and stronger than any
 of this kind, though I must confess, as in
 wax, whitenings I have said, that there is in the
 some Paper or Pulley, which, although it make
 Cloth to appear very thick, yet it does not pre-
 the Cloth for yearly but adds to the whiteness
 colour, although when it is washed out, the
 for the whiter and softer the hand, but wears
 the more, the second and next to it, is the
 whitening, which is both sifted and blewed
 more than the former, by which reason it is pre-
 that the flower of whitening in one Cloth, is ver-
 as good as the flower of whitening in two, it wears ill,
 to your appearance is very thick and strong,
 needs no less force of whitening, it is a fort
 face, both in the East, and in the West, and altho
 it is no stronger than the perfection of whitening
 wears far stronger than the two former: the
 difference in the length, the two former
 about twenty Ells, not much different over or
 and how strong on one side, the latter is

and in about forty Ells or thereabouts, not
 had more than exceeding that quantity, and
 sells at the full value, will not wear white.
 well washed with soap water, which is for sold-
 ers. These are the sorts, whereof there are
 four; and because they are useful in our
 use, he shall know of them all as near as I can
 describe; which I should not run my designed
 I shall therefore begin with the 21-Broad,
 which there is two sorts of whitening, the first is a
 whitening, this sort notwithstanding its browness,
 as well as any if even and thick, this sort has
 at the end, and it folds double, this sort is
 finer of the price than a Gentish, but wears
 thinner. There is another sort of 21-wide
 which is of a browner whitening, which sel-
 dom or never wears white, but if thick and well
 wears very well, but if thin it wears very ill,
 notwithstanding is good for Dying, for Blews,
 and Linens. The next sort of this Linnen is Yard
 of which there is several lengths, as well as
 the first sort is of a blew still colour, it holds
 Ells in the Piece, it is generally well made,
 so, it wears as well as the former; it has
 strings at the end, is used for Shirts and
 and Aprons. The next of this breadth is of
 fine length, but is not so fine and so new as the
 first, yet wears as well as it doth, this hath no
 strings to it: there is another sort very thin, but if it
 be to be as thick as the former, will not wear
 so well as it will, by reason it is made of more
 thread than the former is, and is fit or proper
 for Dying or Orising, this sort often holds 27
 in a Piece, but sometimes holds but 20 Yards
 a Piece. There is one sort more holds but 10 Ells
 a Piece, this wears usually very well, and is of a
 pretty

pretty white colour, and hath no strings to it. is another sort, that is three quarters and half wide, it is thick, it wears well, although not so strong as the same breadth by far, but wears as long as both. These are several sorts of three quarters breadth, some very good, some worse, but the finer the best, but the worst is made of bad Flax wears ill, and is only proper for Dying for slight uses, there are several sorts of three quarters wide: but those I have spoke of at present may be, for should I speak to every sort in particular I should exceed my designed limits. There is besides all these, several sorts of brown Garlits, are bought for whitening, but these that are worn in England wear stronger than any of the others, never wear white, but of a black grain, and is others that are bought for dying, which are proper for whitening. I shall now begin with a Callico called Gungams, it is a sort of Callico, for its service I shall not omit to name, because it falls under this Letter, and is of general use, first for Handkerchiefs, and Shirts, as it is for several uses, it is a yard and half wide, of which there are two sorts, one is double threaded both ways, the second is double threaded one way, that which is double threaded both ways is forty yards in a Piece, in dying white, if washed by it self from other

I shall begin with a Callico called Hummus, being a Callico something above yard and half wide, there is but one coarse, the fine is generally used for washing and lowering, the coarse is only proper for Linen, by reason it is not only coarse, but yellow

five yards and a half in the Piece, but is
 buying but for twelve yards, the half be-
 ing for making up the other twelve yards.
 Linnen cloth, and is made of flax, and is
 of the same strength as Cotton considering
 The weight of the Linnen being Linen
 and is very good for Sheets for Poor
 and is often bought by the Poor People for
 and although it is very thick, it is very admi-
 rable, there is much of it used by the Poor for
 making. The second sort is Hempen, a sort of
 Cloth, there are of this two sorts, Eleven and
 the first, and finest of this sort is often used
 for Shirts, and for Napkins, and often be-
 three breadth in a Sheet, is very good and
 for that use, the Hempen is likewise used for
 Sheets for Poor People, and for Towels,
 they wear so well as the finest, it is almost
 quarters wide; there is another sort finer than
 of these, but doth not wear near so well as
 these, it is thinner and of the same breadth,
 and Herford. The third sort of Linnen comprehended under this
 is called, Flaxing Linnen, of which there are
 two sorts, the first is made of flax, and is
 instead of Canvas, it is very good, but it is
 so well as right Canvas, it is the same as
 the Water, and much stronger than Canvas,
 as it is used after washing, the other sort
 is made of flax, and is used for the same
 of little use in this Country, it is made
 out of Germany, it is called so for the
 Callender, the few or none are made
 that use no Trade in it from the other

shall not last above five or six years, the C
 wear eleven or twelve years in constant
 may know the right from the wrong
 wrong is made up and when they come
 as much as piece measure in one. It com
 Ells in a half Piece, but when Calendered
 long foldes, and are six twenty Ells in a
 for the right, in each one in a whole piece
 is Calendered fifty, sixty, seventy, eighty
 old measure in a piece, and when Calende
 cut them into thirty or forty Ells in a piece
 of no certain length as the other is, and
 wears much whiter than the wrong doth.
 of this Dettor is French book paper, it is fo
 part made in *Landshire*, it is a very strong
 and wears very white, but is made all of
 the flack that is made doth not exceed 18
 or the Napkin, and if the Tabling be the
 the breadth of the same fineness, it is above
 the price, by reason it is more difficult to
 made than the other is, and is more
 as flow of men now don job and do
 doth and is to be made as it is.

There are not many sorts of Linnen silks
 Dettory but I begin with the Indian Ge
 and that is *Isaross*, it is a Calico made
 yards long, and is *Worsted* threaded
 is a yard half quarter wide, it is the strong
 Calico that is made, and is the finest
 double threaded, it is extremely worn by
 Shifts, when to be gotten as it is the first
 Dettor of Calico, for it is the whitest of all
 it hath been formerly sold for 15 s. and
 yard the finest, but by reason of its long
 and greatness, it is very scarce, and for th
 is grown very dear, and is at this time fo
 sold

er; it is so called by reason of its great
 it being usually thirty eight or forty yards in
 and is about yard half quarter wide, of
 ere is two sorts, one and coarse, the coarse
 mper for making of several things the fine is
 of foot sties, and is used for stitching
 Coats and Wall Coats, both for Men and
 and is both white and thick, though not
 rad, the Price at this time is uncertain, by
 an extraordinary Price of Indian Goods in
 but the price formerly for the coarse, used
 you Eight Pence the Yard, or Nine Pence
 and the finest sort used to be for Fourteen
 and it sold for Sixteen Pence, and at this
 week's selling, and is fitted with the coarse
 and is of several sorts, some brown, which is
 thing from the colour and blues, but these are
 the best, and dyed blue, are much the
 they never lose the colour in washing as the
 red ones you may know the English dye
 Indian for the colour, for the Indian dye is
 over dyed with the English, for the English
 and dark spots in it, and there is of the
 even comes damaged, this you may know
 and you will see in it, and therefore if
 any stains in it, try it with your finger, and
 if your finger will tear a hole in it with
 by that you may be sure it is damaged:
 try any sort of Calicoes or Linens that
 where you see any stain is in the Cloth,
 another sort of Indian thing called Longoes
 is made of the same stuff your Grass Taffetas
 which I shall speak hereafter, but with this
 e, this sort is wore with variety of colours,
 and some wrought with flowers in the
 the check, this is made of an Indian Grass

or Herb, from whence comes the name of L
Herba; they contain ten yards in each piece
proper only for slight uses, as Linen of Be
for Window Curtains, they wear very fir
rain, being much washed, they feel pretty r
fore they are worn washed, but after cloth
are like a Rag.

There is a fourth sort of Cloth called Lettin
it is a coarse narrow sort of Cloth for Towels
is seldom enquired for, there being better
that purpose.

There is one sort more I shall not omit
mention of in this letter, by reason it takes
ground of one name with the Letter L. it being
Linen, and therefore it is usually called Silesie
Linen, and is sort of a Linen here, and pe
ter is, because it begins with S. being called
Linen. The name Silesie it takes from a Town
Silesie in Germany: these Linens are of two
the one is full the breadth of a Cambric,
three quarters and half narrower than, if it
and well made, it is very strong, and we
well, but if that are poorer, it wears very
it seldom or never wears very white, and
fading it often wears very yellow; there is
sort three quarters wide, which is made of the
thread, and the same make, and of the same
in every respect as the former: is be sure you
buy any of them yellow at first, for if you do
always not only wear yellow, but very ill, but
can get those that are of a clear white, withou
ring, and those if well made will wear the white
strongest of any sort. I shall leave you to the
S. for farther Instructions, and therefore shall
from treating any farther on this Cloth
place.

to two narrow and, if visible
 but when washed
 wears very yellow
 they are often
 next Letter that comes
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ordinary ill, but when washed two or three
wears very yellow, although when you buy
they are often to the view very white; it is
commonly sold by Harkers and Pedlars, be-
hind of the price of any Mullin, but in the re-
spected City, this Mullin holds always
rank in a piece, as doth many sorts of Mullin
It is very easy to be bought, or to be sold it, nor
half a dozen wide, nor one, but with no way
the thing is, it is never neither Time nor Pe-
ds be sold on it, therefore I shall de-fine

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N

There being not many Sorts, which begin this letter, I shall therefore begin with some thing which is called Pulleys, of which there are four Sorts, and plain by the Buyers are Bengalls, because they come from the Bay of gall; they are yard half quarter broad, and contain ten grains in each Picon, but the India now grown as great Cheats as other Countries

to falsifie every thing, and for this Stuff,
 it sometimes a yard, and usually half a yard
 er than it used to be, for it used to contain ten
 wards, it is of much use for Gowns and Perry-
 but does shrink in wearing unreasonably, they
 very fine stripes, but are of no great use or ser-
 the plain are generally for Dying, and those
 Dyed are only useful for Linings of Men and
 mens Cloths, but many sorts of Linnen is much
 proper than this, by reason of its little service,
 a greater in conveniency attends it, that it
 much, and by that means often spoils a Gar-
 There is of this sort variety of plain mixed
 which are very proper for Mantua's for Wo-
 and of late years hath been much used by Gen-
 The next sorts are Neck-cloths for Men, of
 there are several lengths and fineness as to this
 all the direction that can be given as to the un-
 ding of those is, that you must buy the thick-
 hardest threaded, and not those that are thin
 and uneven, they usually hold fasten in a
 there is one sort Ell long, another sort is one
 and a half, long, another length is two yards
 there is another sort that comes from *Holland*,
 made of Cambrick, those wear much better and
 than the former; there is of the same lengths
 edths as those from the *Ladies*. There is one
 more which comes from *Hamborough*, these are
 of Kenting thread, and striped at the end
 former, but wear very yellow and rough,
 they always look dirty, after you have worn
 you can hardly know them from Cambrick
 cloths, only by this observation, that the Cam-
 are broader, and not so much blued as they
 there is besides these a sort of Linnen called
 ge Linnen, which if the right, wares very

well, but not so well as the true Alcomore
 but is so like it, that for breadth, length and
 it is so much like it, that many knowing Dr
 not know one from the other, but only by St
 Mark, it wears whiter than the Alcomore.

O.

The next Letter is O, of which Letter
 but few Linnens that is used in this Town,
 for its general use begin with Ozenbrucks,
 of more use than any one sort of coarse Lin
England, the white is very much used for Shi
 Shirts, the brown for Painting; it is a sort of
 not too much whitened, and is thick after whi
 even thread'd, wears well for any use that
 per for, as for Sheets, to put three bredths in
 they look very fine of the Price, and wear
 than a Hocking-felder; as for the brown, i
 good for Dying blue, either for Aprons, or
 mens Shirts, it wears for either use very
 There is one sort of *Indian* Goods which be
 with the same Letter, which is called Orin
 times, it is thicker than a Mulling, and not
 thick as a Callico, it is about yard half quarte
 and twelve yards long, it is much used for
 Cravats, and is the best thing for that purpo
 can be gotten, and wears very well for that
 hath been formerly used for Hoods for Wan
 by reason that of late it hath been very scar
 have made use of other things in the place of

P.

Few sorts of Linnen come under this letter
 fore I shall begin with something from *Indi*

Med Puttays, of which there is two sorts, one
 quarters wide, the other almost yard wide,
 the least is of the same length of the coarse, but
 this difference, is finer than the narrow, it is a
 coarse Callico the finest, but if thick, wears
 well for ordinary Linens for several uses, they
 usually seven yards in a piece, and are made up
 square like a Book, and is but of an ordinary
 to other Calico. The next sort beginning
 P, is a sort of fine Callico called Percallis,
 being of it two sorts, the one is much like
 spoires, and is made up much like it, and is
 of the length; the next is made up like a Book;
 these are indifferent fine, and are fit and much
 for Shifts and Shirts, but the Book-Percallis is
 the best, both these sorts are one yard half quar-
 ters wide, and are eight yards long, and if the Sleeve
 cut out of the breadth, a Piece will make three
 it is likewise very useful for Stitching and
 sewing, and if well washed washes very white, it
 is of the nature of Sallampoures, but of that I
 speak of in its letter, which is S. The next la-
 st is a Silk called Paunchi, it is a sort of
 which is about half yard wide, and ten yards
 it wears very well for Linings of mens Coats,
 and other certain uses, but it being of no gene-
 ral use, I shall not farther insist on it; there is a sort
 of the same nature, both for breadth and length,
 called Gelongs, it hath a few flowers up and down
 but they are some space distance one from the
 other, if either of those are Dyed, they wear like
 Persian Taffaty. I had not mentioned the Ge-
 here, but that I omitted it in its Alphabet,
 it is of both comes over white, and these are
 into colours, but if you buy colours, chuse
 that come ready Dyed. There is one sort of

Indian Silk more, called *Persian* Silk, or *Persia* fety, which of all Silks that comes from the *E* *dies*, is of most use, of which there is abundance used here; it is the strongest Silk that comes and is proper for most uses; as for Linnen of for Gowns and Petty-Coats, and Linings of Coats; there is of it white, but the white ever known to be of good white, therefore they are always Dyed into all sorts of Colours; and besides, there is of all sorts of colours comes, that Dyed in the Raw Silk, before they are wove, will have those that are, and will wear off gloss, buy those that you are sure are Dyed they come over, for those that are Dyed after they come over, do most certainly wear dull and grow and in spots; there is of those *Persians* lengths, the shortest holds ten yards, the next holds 10 yards, the next holds 12 yards, and seldom any longer; it is yard half wide, but when they are Dyed they hold not yard wide, for they shrink both in breadth and length by Dying; the sure to know those that come over which are the best, is to observe the ends, you will find some white wove in, and by that you will find they are not Dyed here, or if they be cut, you will find a thread of white wove inside, whereby you may know the natural colour.

The next Letter being Q, there are not as yet sent any Goods begin with this letter, that are useful to us in this Nation, and therefore at present I shall say no more of it, but pass on to the Letter

R.

which there are not many sorts neither, but I
begin with what *Indian* things are only useful to
and shall begin with Romals, of which there are
by three sorts, which be termed as followeth,
is Silk Romals, there is Romals Garrub, and
on Romals; I shall begin to give you advice
of the Silk, and so each in order; the Silk is
of all Silk, and if thick, wears well, if thin,
every ill; the Garrub is the most deceitful of any,
they for the generallity wear like Dirt, if any of
chance to wear well, it is more than we ex-
the Cotton being the third and last sort, and
much the best, for they as certainly wear well,
they are made all of Cotton, as the others wear
There is one sort of *Indian* thing more, called
es, it being a strip'd Silk for either Gowns or
Coats, there being of it several bredths, but
madest is yard and half wide; they do not wear
well, but are pretty colours, yet are but little
use, therefore I shall at present pass it by,
shall come to Roans and Rasterns, but because
is not any allowed to come, I shall pass it by;
come to ushy Cloth, which although it is a
Cloth, is of much use with us, and therefore
give you some small directions on this; it is
full half yard wide, if it chance so to be, it is of
bredth, if you buy that which is fine and even
dred, and not too thick, it will wear very well
any use you have occasion to put it to; of this
is two sorts, Hempen and Flaxen, but your
is known by being whiter and finer than the
open, and wears by much the better; they are
they come from beyond Seas tyed up in Bundles,
with

with a piece of the same Cloth they are betwixt hundred and three hundred Ells in a Bundle, although it is sold by the Pedlars, and other Sho the Yard, yet they buy by the Ell, the pieces ry short, the longest seldom holds more than ten there being some hold not above five Ells; I not treat any more on this, because I have al outrun the designed limits of my Book.

S.

I come now to S. and shall begin with Goods, and of those Suffs shall be the first, it of most general use of any under this letter; is a sort of Stuff, made of half Silk, half C and is adorned with very delightful colours, wears, if not damaged, much beyond your and the more Silk is in it, the better it wears proper for a great many things, as Gowns and Coats in our Nation, but the greatest and mo neral use in this Kingdom are for Linnen of Be Window Curtains, for which they are extrao pretty, because they are usually light colour are cheap; I could mention many other for Sannows a sort of Callico, Sipriss a sort of Silk many others, but of no great use, but in this shall pass them by. I shall now begin accord my promise to treat of Sleasie Lawns, it being ry useful Linnen here with us, it takes its name a Town called *Slesia* in *Hamborough*, and not wearing Sleasie, as a great many do imagine if good of the sort it wears very well; of this is two sorts of bredths, one three quarters and and the other but three quarters; the broad good for large Handkerchiefs, and many other but is only most proper for Handkerchiefs

and fort seldom fails of wearing very well, for
 are always made of strong and good Flax, but
 wear very white, unless they have very good
 whiting, they are a very good breadth for Shirts, but
 hardly thick enough for that purpose; of this
 you may have as fine as a Cambrick, and some-
 times there comes over some of Cambrick whiting,
 they wear very white, the other three quarters
 is only proper for narrow Handkerchiefs, the
 best fort wears often ill and yellow, but the finer
 stronger, they being even-er-threaded than the
 one; there be of this fort some of the Cambrick
 whiting, but very seldom, which if you can get,
 as white as any, but this I must tell you, that
 sorts notwithstanding they are of Cambrick
 whiting, when they grow old will incline to wear
 low; but right Cambrick wears white to the last.
 Cl. th coming under the letter S. I cannot
 it, being of so general use, and of so great
 sumption; it is a sort of white Sleasie-Soft-
 wh, it is of no great wear, but is fine of the
 and it is of great use for Dying for Hats,
 and many other slight uses, but not for
 strength, and since Callico hath been dear, is much
 for Linnens for Beds and for Window Curtains,
 there is two sorts of breadths, one full yard, or a
 above, the other full three quarters, they are
 different fineness, but never wear truly white, and
 wear soft and sleasie, they hold differing lengths,
 hold but five yards, those are the very coarsest
 all, and as they arise in fineness, they rise in
 length, the longest not exceeding twelve, or at the
 fourteen yards, they are bought by the whole-
 by the numbers; for example, suppose the first
 be twelve, they will take of 12 of the whole
 throughout, and then you have the pieces that are
 numbered

numbred twelve for nothing, and supposing the
 bers rise to twenty five, the highest stand i
 teen pence a yard : there are several sorts of
 for Dying Blues, or any other colour, but for
 there is several bredths, and of differing price
 those are not bought by the number ; you m
 for Fief Cloth or Mondrois Cloth, which is the
 est and fittest for most purposes, For these are th
 er sorts only for Dying. And because Shifts begi
 the Letter S. I shall here give you such Instru
 which if well observed and followed, you may
 by know how to Cut out a Shift out of two
 Holland, as most People shall do out of two
 and a quarter, and shall be both as long and as
 for example ; If you will Cut out but one Sh
 $\frac{1}{2}$ long, take two Ells of Holland, and slit it th
 the middle ; let it be Ell wide or Yard wide, a
 ing as the bigness of your body requires, and
 it is split through the middle, instead of taki
 half bredth, and just the same length of the
 half bredth for the Body, cnt of Ell $\frac{1}{4}$ off of one
 half bredths, and just the same length off of the
 half bredth, which take for the body of your
 then take the remainder of one of the half b
 and double it, then lay it a cross, and cut it fo
 Goars, then take the other remainder of the
 and double it, and cut it in the middle, which
 just a pair of Sleeves, then you want only fo
 Gusslets, which will come out of the hollow
 the Neck of your Shift, which Rule you may c
 in cutting out two, four, or six Shifts, for wh
 cut out two take a body of one of the half b
 and a body off of the other, and when you cu
 take two Bodies off of one of the half bredth
 two Bodies off of the other, and when you c
 take three off, of one of the half bredths, and

of the other, and by that means you may cut
 what length in reason you please ; whereas if
 you make your Bodies all of one piece, you can make
 but two Ells long, and by this means you save
 a quarter of an Ell in the Cutting out of each Shift.
 I will give you other Instructions for Cutting out
 of Cloth, that you might Cut a Shift as large
 as a Cloth half Ell, as others should do out of a
 three quarters wide, but I shall be forced to
 stop this, by reason it would make me out-run the
 end of my Book, and for that I shall treat of it in
 my next Edition.

T.

Coming the next Letter, there being but few Lin-
 en of this, that are of any great use here, where-
 as Ticklenburs is one, it being a coarse Linnen,
 generally very uneven, which comes from Ham-
 burgh, it is but little different from Ozenbricks in
 the difference, but the right Ticklingburs,
 almost as strong again as the Ozenbricks, you
 know the right Ticklingburs by this, the right is
 stronger than the other, and is not so fine, but thicker,
 the thread is not so even as the Ozenbrick, yet this
 is extremely useful both in Town and Coun-
 try, there is not many Cloths sold in *England* that
 of great Consumption as this, and at the dearest
 above Ten Pence, or at most Eleven Pence the
 Ell. There are other Cloths of this Letter, but of
 no use here, and therefore I shall refer you
 to my next Book.

H

U. There

There being few or none except *French* Clo
dr this Letter, as Vehemounty and Vitery C
I shall refer you for their Instructions to m
Book.

And for the Letters following, they havi
thing falls under their Alphabet worth menti
and therefore shall conclude with my wishes,
may work my desired effects, which I am sure
not fail to serve you in, if you punctually obs
Directions, and if it is serviceable, I shall m
addition of some material things, which I
omitted for Brevities sake.

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